THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the Tenth Plan Period, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) proposes to generate two million additional employment opportunities under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) throughout the country. Of this, the targets for the States in the North Eastern Region including Sikkim are as under:

Sl. No.	State/Union Territories	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Total
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	167	178	190	202	215	952
2.	Assam	3065	3264	3476	3702	3943	17450
3.	Manipur	59	63	67	71	76	336
4.	Meghalaya	2032	2164	2305	2455	2615	11571
5.	Mizoram	228	243	259	276	294	1300
6.	Nagaland	3122	3325	3541	3771	4016	17775
7.	Tripura	748	797	849	904	963	4261
8.	Sikkim	136	145	154	164	175	774

(c) and (d) For implementation of KVI programmes in the North Eastern Region, the Government of India is making separate allocation to KVIC, which can be varied as per the mid-term appraisal of performance by each State.

Setting up of Nuclear Power Plants

186. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to set up a number of Nuclear Power Plants in different parts of the country, including one in Mandla District of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the Plants to be set up, indicating their locations, power generation capacity and the time schedule therefore; and

(c) the progress made on each project and the expected time of their completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) At present eight nuclear power reactors, 2x540 MWe at Tarapur, Maharasthra, 2x220 MWe at Kaiga, Karnataka 2x1000 MWe at Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu and 2x220 MWe at Rawatbhata, Rajasthan are under different stages of construction. These projects have achieved a cumulative physical progress of 64%, 22%, 10% and 12% respectively as of January 2003 and are expected to commence commercial operation between 2006 and 2008 progressively.

In addition, a proposal for administrative approval and project financial sanction for setting up of a 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu is under process with the Governemnt of India. All these ongoing projects have been taken up at sites for which clearances have already been obtained. There is no plan, as of now, to set up a nuclear power plant in Madhya Pradesh.

The Site Selection Committee constituted by the Department of Atomic Energy is also evaluating sites for setting up nuclear power stations, at a future date, in different regions of the country, including Madhya Pradesh.

Links between cell operators and BSNL/MTNL

187. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether public sector telecom players BSNL and MTNL have snapped their links with cell operators; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view (a) above.